


The undersigned notes with appreciation the Examiner's approval of the drawing correction to Figure 1 filed on May 26, 1999. A formal copy of the corrected drawing is enclosed.

Claims 1 through 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, on the grounds of being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. The undersigned notes with appreciation the Examiner's suggestion as to the correction to claim 1, line 3. The Examiner's suggestion has been adopted in the amended claim 1. Additionally, line 6 of independent claim 1 has been amended to reflect that the cutting blade clearance relates to the step of the trimming of the aluminum sheet. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is believed to have been fully addressed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are requested.

The undersigned notes that the claims are indicated as being allowable over the prior art pending the amendment necessary to address the 112 rejection. The rejection is believed to have been appropriately addressed. Favorable action toward the allowance of pending claims 1 through 5 and 10 through 17 is respectfully requested and the issuance of Letters Patent thereon earnestly solicited.

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